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USS HUE CITY (CG 66)

Guided Missile Cruiser

Homeport: Mayport, FL

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The mission of USS Hue City (CG-66) is to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of a carrier battle group or amphibious assault group. Hue City has been designed to defend against coordinated saturation attacks involving enemy surface ships, submarines, aircraft and missiles. Additionally, Hue City is able to engage in offensive actions against the enemy through employment of long-range anti-ship missiles, land attack missiles and naval gunfire.

At the heart of Hue City is the Aegis Weapon System, the most advanced integration of electronic detection, engagement and control equipment in the world today. The Aegis Weapon System, combined with the Vertical Launching System and the SPY radar, allows Hue City to fire more missiles and guide them in flight with greater accuracy than any existing system.

The Vertical Launching System is capable of firing a mix of missiles against airborne and surface threats. These missiles include the Standard Missile and the Tomahawk cruise missile. The SPY-1B phased array radar sends out beams of electromagnetic energy in all directions continuously to provide a search and tracking capability for hundreds of targets out to and beyond 200 miles. Two 5" gun mounts, Phalanx rapid-fire guns and Harpoon anti-ship missiles supplement the firepower of the cruise missiles.

Hue City also has the most advanced underwater surveillance system available. Anti-submarine warfare equipment consists of a hull-mounted sonar, an acoustic towed array and two SH-60B Seahawk helicopters to provide a long-range detection and attack capability.

Four powerful, quick-response gas turbine engines give Hue City the ability to reach speeds in excess of 30 knots.

Hue City, the first United States ship to bear this name and the only ship named after a battle of the Vietnam War, is the twentieth in the Ticonderoga Class of Aegis guided-missile cruisers and the fourteenth to be built by Ingalls Shipbuilding of Pascagoula, Mississippi. Her keel was laid on 20 February 1989. She was floated on 1 June 1990 and christened on 21 July 1991 by her sponsor, Mrs. Jo Ann Cheatham, the wife of Lieutenant General Earnest C. Cheatham, Jr., USMC (Ret.). Hue City flies the flag of the United States Marine Corps as well as the national ensign and the flag of the United States Navy.

Early in 1998 Hue City received Cooperative Engagement Capability. This capability represents the leading edge of air warfare, enabling Hue City to launch a missile against an enemy target that is being tracked by another vessel.

In the spring of 1999 Hue City sailed for the Caribbean Sea for counter-narcotics operations. Hue City spent the summer of 1999 in the Baltic Sea with Commander, Carrier Group Two, participating in exercises with more than 50 ships from nations belonging to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Partnership For Peace.

Hue City's awards include the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Southwest Asia Service Medal, NATO medal, the CNO Safety Award, three Battle Efficiency awards, three Sea Service awards, and three Community Service Awards.

SHIP'S SPECIFICATIONS:

GENERAL

Length - 567 feet
Beam (Maximum)- 55 feet
Speed: 30+ knots
Draft (Navigational)- 32 feet
Displacement- 9,600 tons full load
Complement- 31 Officer/355 Enlisted

ENGINEERING

Propulsion: 4 LM2500 Gas Turbine Engines:
80,000 Shaft Horsepower, 2 Controllable
Reversible Pitch Propellers, 2 Rudders
Electrical:
Services:

SENSORS

AN/SPY-1B(V) Multi-Function Radar
AN/SPS-49(V) 7 Air Search Radar
AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar
AN/SPS-64(V)9 Surface Search Radar
AN/SPQ-9 Gunfire Control Radar
4 AN/SPQ-62 Illuminators
AN/SQS-53C Hull Mounted Radar
AN/SQR-19B Towed Array Sonar
AN/SLQ-32A(V)3 Electronic Warfare Suite
AN/SQQ-89(V)6 ASW Combat System

WEAPONS

MK7 MOD7 AEGIS Weapon System
2 MK 45 5"/54 Caliber Gun Mounts
2 MK 41 Vertical Launching Systems
2 Harpoon Missile Quad-Canister Launchers
2 MK 32 MOD 14 Three-Barreled Torpedo
Tube Mounts
2 MK 15 MOD 12 Phalanx Close-In Weapons
System

AIRCRAFT

2 SH-60B Seahawk LAMPS III Helicopters

Keel Laid: February 20, 1989

Christened: June 1, 1990

Commissioned: July 21, 1991